

Washington, DC-Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23), a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, today announced \$499,214 in funding for the South San Antonio Independent School District (ISD) from the Literacy and School Libraries Program. The program is funded by the US Department of Education and serves to increase literacy of students and reading achievement.

“As a former teacher and husband of a librarian I understand the importance literacy has on the future of our children,” said Rodriguez. “It is funding for literacy programs like this that give our kids the resources they need to succeed.”

South San Antonio ISD has developed the Classroom and Library Connection (CLC) project which will be implemented in five secondary school campuses serving 4,558 students. The CLC project will provide each campus with up-to-date library volumes, both in print and non-print, and will increase access to high speed internet in the school libraries.

The Department of Education Literacy and School Libraries Program aims to improve literacy through resources and technology. Districts selected for this grant can use the funds to update their library collections and resources, acquire and use technology to enhance literacy and critical thinking, provide professional development for librarians and other specialists and provide increased library access for students.